

respective legs 64, 66, generally at right angles thereto. The mounting flanges abut, and are riveted to a terminal head 48. Spring latching members 94, 96 are bent from the mounting clip 60 beneath the mounting flanges 68, 69, which conceal the latching members preventing access thereto once the mounting flanges 68, 69 are riveted.

Black, III fails to disclose a break away portion to provide access to the spring latching members for servicing or replacing the resistor. Further, Black, III discloses a mounting clip 60 being bent from a resilient sheet material, such as spring sheet steel. Spring sheet material has malleable properties. Materials with malleable properties are difficult to break due to their propensity to bend. Although Black, III discloses the clip 60 may be made of other suitable materials, it is clear from the figures and the description in the specification that the clip 60 is bent from sheet material.

Black, III further discloses the clip 60 is riveted to a terminal head 48. The terminal head 48 is permanently attached to the clip 60 by rivets 72 in an orientation that prevents access to the mounting flanges 68, 69 once the unit 10 has been installed.

Black, III teaches a resistor unit that cannot be removed from a housing by providing access to the mounting flanges (catches). Applicant respectfully submits that the clip taught by Black, III cannot be broken due to the materials suggested in the specification. Further, the design of the clip taught by Black, III suggests a permanent attachment of the resistor unit to a blower housing.

Therefore, applicant respectfully submits the resistor unit disclosed by Black, III teaches away from applicant's invention of providing a break away element in an electrical resistor assembly housing to provide access to the clasps (mounting flanges).

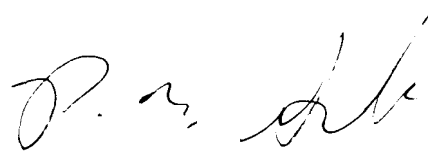
Further, it would be hindsight to provide the brake away elements recited in the independent claims in the present application on the resistor unit disclosed by Black, III. Still further, given the design of the resistor unit disclosed by Black, III, it would not be possible to add the break away elements recited in the independent claims of the present invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Application is now presented in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. Further and favorable reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action is hereby requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

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